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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE Town of Stratham,

Commencing February 24, 1853, and
Ending March 3, 1854.

Account of Collector Barker.

Amount of Tax committed to him for collection for the
year 1853. \$2248,65

Collector Barker's Discharge.

Paid State Tax,	\$250,60
" County Tax,	428,35
" Selectmen in cash,	1399,32
Non-resident highway tax, worked out,	9,34
Non-resident highway tax of 1852, worked out,	10,51
by abatement of taxes of sundry persons,	15,48
by " of taxes on Town Farm,	13,39
by abatement of Surplus interest,	99,18
Collector Barker for his services,	22,48
	<hr/> \$2248,65

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Collector N. M. Barker, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast and vouched and balanced,

GREENLEAF C. BROWN, } Auditors.
JOHN J. SCAMMON, }

Stratham, March 3, 1854.

Money Received by the Selectmen.

Received of the Treasurer 1852,	\$367,93
" of George Janvrin, money borrowed,	250,00
" of Josiah Burley, " "	250,00
" of Nancy Jewett, " "	500,00
" of Benjamin H. Jewett, " "	100,00
" Literary Fund,	63,13
" Railroad Tax,	64,47
" of the County of Rockingham,	313,77
" of Collector Barker, in cash,	1399,32
	<hr/> \$3308,62

The Selectmen's Discharge.

Paid John Scammon for services as Auditor,	\$1,00
" Noah P. Wiggin, " "	1,00
" Z. B. French, services after Auditing,	7,00
" B. H. Jewett, " "	4,00

Paid Smith, Hall & Clarke for printing town Accounts,	11,00
" Samuel French for half cord of wood for J. H. Pottle,	1,84
" T. W. Taylor abatement of tax on house, he having died,	,20
" Thomas Horne for ringing bell and sweeping Jackson Hall,	,75
" Z. Wiggin for postage,	,20
" Samuel Brewster abatement of taxes, he being taxed in years past for more than he had,	10,00
" B. D. Leighton the balance of money due School District No. 2,	2,50
" James S. Leavitt for land taken for the highway and moving wall in 1851 and '52,	24,68
" S. Philpot, surplus interest for the year 1851,	,40
" the town of Somersworth for supplies for J. Rundlett,	3,25
" Benjamin Mathes, supplies for J. H. Pottle,	4,71
" Z. B. French for his services as Treasurer,	5,00
" John S. Wells, Esq., counsel for the town,	25,00
" Horace C. Bacon, " "	13,71
" Stephen W. Dearborn for services for the town,	14,83
" A. H. Hoit for Teachers' Institute,	13,86
" B. H. Jewett, Selectmen's expenses,	3,00
" William G. Perry for medical attendance and medicines for town and County poor,	38,60
" J. B. Wiggin, abatement of his tax,	2,50
" B. H. Jewett expense in case town vs. S. Scammon,	2,00
" Z. B. French for Selectmen and Auditor's expense,	7,75
" " " for going to Newmarket on account of J. H. Pottle and to Exeter to get town accounts printed,	,67
" Z. B. French, expense incurred going to Great Falls on account of John Rundlett and family,	1,37
" Josiah Bartlett for medical attendance and medicines for County paupers,	12,50
" Josiah Bartlett for one visit at Town Farm and taking the depositions of Mrs Calley,	1,00
" Jewett Wiggin for shoes for B. Philpot,	,70
" John Scammon for going to Portsmouth with B. H. Jewett to take the deposition of Joseph T. Sinclair, in the case of S. Scammon against the town,	2,00
" Geo. B. Fifield, services after Auditing,	2,25

The foregoing bills amounting to two hundred nineteen dollars and twenty-seven cents, were incurred previous to February 23, 1853.

Paid Nancy Jewett for note of hand,	\$1058,83
" John Scammon for note of hand,	113,20
" A. W. Lovering for stationery and books,	,77
" " for two Blank Books,	,66
" Brackett & Wingate for cloth for B. Philpot,	,42
" Jewett Wiggin for mending shoes for B. Philpot,	,67
" John Yeaton for stockings for B. Philpot,	,58
" Charles Wiggin, surplus interest for three past years,	1,18

Paid Mercy Foss surplus interest for 1850, '51 and '53,	1,18
" Daniel Sinclair for labor at the town farm,	3,12
" Mark Barker for land and moving wall for highway,	25,37
" Jacob Wiggin for moving wall against land of Supply H. Hodgdon,	19,25
" Mark F. Young for land and moving wall for highway,	29,17
" John Dearborn, abatement of his taxes for the years 1846, '47, '48, '49, '50 and '51,	,80
" Thomas Smith, County Register, for copy of deeds,	1,00
" John M. Way of Boston, witness in the case of Stephen Scammon and town of Stratham,	32,50
" N. M. Barker for expense incurred in the case of Ste- phen Scammon,	58,24
" A. Boardman for use of plough on highway,	1,00
" Joseph Bunning for support of Mary French,	52,00
" James H. Diman for recording marriages, births and deaths,	1,62
" J. H. Diman for recording tax list,	2,00
" " " for services as town Clerk,	6,00
" J. Hamilton Shapley for copy of Record of lease from Stratham to Odell and for examining County re- cords,	1,50
" Geo. H. Odell for medicines and medical attendance of County paupers,	25,00
" James Rollins's interest on note of hand,	12,00
" John Scammon for cash paid S. Marden,	,12
" Joshua J. Lane, abatement on his taxes,	,59
" Henry Wiggin, abatement on horse that died 1852,	,18
" Charles Kelley for 4 days grafting on town farm,	8,00
" John A. Robinson for land and moving wall,	34,19
" B. D. Leighton for making affidavit,	,25
" Addison Wiggin for going to Concord to pay State tax and getting Railroad tax,	1,00
" Ebenezer H. Berry the balance due him as Superin- tendent on the town farm for 1850,	10,76
" " " the balance due him as Superin- tendent on the town farm for 1852,	145,44
" " " for money expended on the town farm, in full, to February 28, 1854,	71,95
" Ebenezer H. Berry for services as Superintendent on the town farm from April 1st, 1853, to April 1st, 1854,	180,00
" Zebulon Wiggin for postage,	,20
" John W. Chase for enrolling the 8th Co. of Infantry,	2,00
" William Wiggin abatement of tax on horse, having died,	,31
" Phinehas M. Chase abatement of tax, having been taxed for too much land,	2,16
" James Huntress for support of J. L. Huntress and family,	35,50
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	\$2159,98

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Jacob Wiggin for work on bridges,	\$13,00
" Daniel French for work on bridges,	8,50
" David J. French for work on bridges,	9,25
" Reuben B. Smith for work on bridge,	3,00
" E. M. C. Lane for bridge plank,	2,00
" N. G. Bennet for putting in a new sluice in the road near widow Smith's,	52,50
" " " for services as Surveyor, more than his tax,	,75
" " " for rails, irons, and stone post, and fix- ing the same,	2,84
" Ebenezer H. Berry for breaking roads,	4,32
" Ambrose Wiggin for breaking roads,	9,34
" William Clark for breaking roads,	5,44
" Geo. Janvrin for breaking roads,	4,96
" Nathan E. Norton for breaking roads,	11,36
" Henry Wiggin for breaking road and services more than tax,	6,85
	<hr/> \$134,11

Schools.

Paid District No. 1,	\$143,86
" " No. 2,	143,86
" " No. 3,	143,86
" " No. 4,	143,86
	<hr/> \$575,44

School Houses.

Paid Z. B. French for ventilator and register and other re- pairs on School House No. 2,	16,61
" John Scammon for funnel and repairing windows in District No. 1,	3,99
" John O. Wiggin for repairs on School House in Dis- trict No. 3,	7,54
" George B. Fifield in district for repairs,	1,25
	<hr/> \$29,39

School Committee.

Paid No. 1, John Scammon, services as prudential,	3,00
do. No. 2, Z. B. French,	2,50
do. No. 3, John O. Wiggin,	2,00
do. No. 4, Geo. B. Fifield,	2,00
	<hr/> \$9,50

Expenses of the Poor.

Paid Geo. H. Odell for medical attendance and medicines for the towns poor, in full to March 9, 1854,	\$16,66
do. Benjamin Mathes for supplies for J. H. Pottle,	19,89
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	\$36,55
<i>The town of Stratham to George Janvrin,</i>	<i>Dr.</i>
1853.	
March 15, 1-2 day to Exeter consult Esq. Marston, Scammon vs. Town,	,50
to making bonds and executing the same, Doctor Bartlett, Town,	,75
" 21, 1-2 day to Mr. Wiggins,	,50
to stationery,	,20
April 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11, taking invoice,	6,00
" 12, to Exeter to consult Marston on town business,	,50
" 13, 14 and 15, making assessments,	3,00
" 18 and 19, searching town records and county records respecting the taxation of the parsonage,	2,00
" 23, 1-2 day to Exeter for advice respecting the taxation of the parsonage,	,50
" 26, to Mr. Wiggin's and Exeter and other places in Stratham, horse and wagon,	1,25
" 27, to writing 10 surveyor's warrants in full,	1,50
" 28, 1-2 day to Mr. Wiggin's,	,50
" 29, 1-2 day fixing surveyor's books & distributing same,	,50
" 30, 1-2 day to appoint surveyor for plains district,	,50
May 26 and 27, 2 days session,	2,00
June 10, 1-2 day at Mr. Barker's,	,50
" 13, 1-2 day distributing notices to land owners for widening roads,	,50
" 29, 1 day widening roads,	1,25
July 25, to making two returns of roads and going to Mr. Barker's,	1,00
Aug. 17, to moving Mrs. Coombs to the town farm,	,75
" 18, to moving bedding of Mrs. Coombs to town farm,	,50
Sept. 7, to attending jury meeting,	,25
" 19, to Exeter to consult Marston case Scammon vs. Town,	1,00
" 20, to Portsmouth to attend court Scammon vs. Town,	2,00
" 22, to Portsmouth on express Scammon vs. Town,	2,00
" 23, to Portsmouth on case Scammon vs. Town,	2,00
Oct. 13, to Exeter and Yeaton's, case Scammon vs. Town,	1,00
" 14, to Mr. Barker's and Mr. Scammon's to take his acknowledgement of facts in case Scammon vs. Town,	1,00
to Exeter to get copy deeds S. Scammon,	,50
Nov. 29, to Mr. Barker's and Wiggin's,	,50
" 30, to 1 day at town farm,	1,00
Dec. 13, to the town farm,	,50
to Mr. Wiggin's to revise jury box,	,50

Dec.	17, to Mr. Wiggin's on town business,	1,00
"	21, 1 day in session,	1,00
"	30, to moving Ellen Obrien, a transient woman to the town farm,	,33
1854, Feb.	2, 1 day in session,	1,00
"	" 4, 1-2 day at town farm,	,50
"	" 25, to Exeter to see Mr. Clement's,	,25
"	" 27, 1 day in session,	1,00
"	" 28, 1 day at town farm,	1,00
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		\$43,03

Town of Stratham to Addison Wiggin,

Dr.

1853.

March	14, to Newmarket on account of Joseph H. Pottle,	,50
"	15, to Exeter on town business,	,50
"	19, to 1-2 day on town business,	,50
April	13, 14 and 15, to 3 days making assessment,	3,00
"	28, to Newmarket on account of J. H. Pottle,	,50
	to 1-2 day fixing surveyor's books,	,50
	to making taxes and recording tax list,	4,00
May	11, to Mr. Janvrin's on town business,	,25
"	27, to one day in session,	1,00
June	29, to one day widening roads,	1,25
Sept.	7, to attend jury meeting,	,25
"	23, to Portsmouth on town business,	,75
Nov.	30, to one day at town farm,	1,00
Dec.	13, to revising jury box,	,50
"	21, to one day session,	1,00

1854.

Jan'y	12, to half day in session,	,50
Feb'y	2, to half day in session,	,50
"	4, to attend jury meeting,	,25
"	9, to 1 day in session,	1,00
"	18, to 1 day in session,	1,00
"	27, to half day in session,	,50
"	28, to 1 day at town farm to settle with superintendent,	1,00
March	1, to Portsmouth on town business,	,75
"	2, town farm,	,50
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		\$21,50

Town of Stratham to N. M. Barker,

Dr.

1853.

March	10, to Z. B. French's,	,50
"	11, to Exeter on town business,	,75
"	19, to Addison Wiggin's,	,50
April	4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 11, taking inventory,	6,00
"	13, 14, 15, 3 days making assessment,	3,00
"	29, to 1-2 day distributing surveyor's warrants,	,50
May	26 and 27, 2 days in session,	2,00

June 12 and 13, to 1 1-2 days writing and distributing notices to land owners for widening roads,	1,50
" 29, to 1 day widening roads,	1,00
Sept. 7, to attending jury meeting,	,25
Oct. 14, to Stephen Scammon to take his acknowledgement in case of Scammon vs. Town,	1,00
Nov. 30, to 1 day at town farm,	1,00
Dec. 13, to Addison Wiggin's, revising jury box,	,50
" 17, to do. on town business,	1,00
" 21, to 1 day in session,	1,00
" 24, to writing and distributing notices to land owners for widening roads,	1,00
to writing one return of widening road and going to J. H. Diman's,	,50
1854.	
Jan'y 5, to moving Ellen Obrien to Portsmouth,	1,00
" 12, to 1-2 day in session,	,50
" 9, to widening road,	,50
Feb'y 2, to one day in session.	1,00
" 4, to attending jury meeting,	,25
" 9, to 1 day in session,	1,00
" 16, to town farm, Exeter and B. D. Loughton's,	1,25
" 17, to Exeter to get County money,	1,00
" 18, to 1 day in session,	1,00
" 21, to Exeter to get County money for 1851,	1,00
" 25, to making check list,	1,00
" 27, to 1 day in session,	1,00
" 28, to 1 day at town farm,	1,00
March 2, to Exeter and town farm,	,75
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	\$34,25

Recapitulation.

Paid Selectmen's bills,	98,78
" sundry bills,	2159,98
Road and Bridges.	134,11
Schools,	575,44
School Houses,	29,39
School Committee,	9,50
Expense of the Poor,	36,55
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	\$3043,75

Stratham, March 3, 1854.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast and vouched, and the sum of two hundred sixty-four dollars and eighty-seven cents remaining in their hands.

\$264,87

GREENLEAF C. BROWN, }
JOHN J. SCAMMON, } AUDITORS.

Notes outstanding against the Town.

Benjamin Moulton,	254	
John French,	583	
James Rollins,	100	
Ebenezer H. Berry,	503	
Misses Kenniston,	265	
Josiah Burley,	497	
George Janvrin,	265	
Nancy Jewett,	530	
Benjamin H. Jewett,	106	
Amount of claims against the town other than notes of hand,	250	
	<hr/>	\$3353,00

Amount of claims due the Town,

And Cash in the Selectmen's hands.

A note of hand,	75,00	
Cash in Selectmen's hands,	264,87	
Due from Collector Barker on taxes for 1852,	36,00	
Stock on the Farm more than last year,	91,00	
	<hr/>	466,87
Amount of the Town's indebtedness,		<hr/> \$2886,13

Town Farm.

Expenditures,	695,02	
Superintendent's services,	180,00	
	<hr/>	875,02
Receipts from the farm,	623,07	
From the County for paupers supported by the farm,	156,27	
Stock on the farm more than last year,	91,00	
	<hr/>	870,34
Balance against the farm,		<hr/> \$4,68

NOTE. We find an account in favor of Mr. Berry, which was acknowledged by the Selectmen of 1852, which had not been paid him neither reported to the town, amounting to about one hundred and fifty dollars.

GEO. JANVRIN,	} Selectmen of Stratham.
ADDISON WIGGIN,	
NATHAN M. BARKER,	

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee, OF STRATHAM.

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Your Committee, in presenting his Annual Report, would congratulate the town upon the commendable progress and good appearance of its schools generally. In the discharge of the duties of the office as School Committee, I have, beside other labors, visited the schools at the beginning, middle, and close of each term. And from these visits I have learned something of the character and condition of our schools.

**DISTRICT NO. 1. *Summer Term.***—Betsey Peavey, Teacher, Exeter. The appearance of this school, at the commencement, was not favorable to its progress. The scholars were initiated into all the schemes of an ungoverned school. The recitations showed that they had been carelessly instructed, no one being certain of anything, especially in reading, which, with few exceptions, was so sluggishly performed that it resembled more the grunting utterance of the inferior animals, than the clear resonant tone of the human being.

Miss Peavey is an experienced teacher, having a love for her work, and well qualified for her profession if she would give more attention to order. At the examination, most of the classes appeared well; much better than could be expected with such disorder. Particular attention had been given to reading and mental Arithmetic.

The Winter Term was also, taught by Miss P. The Scholars did not make the improvement which they made in the Summer. The improvement in reading was more than in any other school in town.—The teacher seemed to give her whole attention to recitations; so that at the end of the term, the scholars were under scarcely any restraint whatever. They whispered, half whispered, and talked aloud with impunity. In short, a different teacher is wanted; and the agent of the district must employ a teacher, for the next term, who will be sure of maintaining discipline, if he wishes to have a prosperous school.

**DISTRICT, No. 2. *Summer Term.*** Ann Lucy Lane, Teacher, South-Newmarket. This is Miss Lane's first appearance as a teacher; still she did not come to us ignorant of good methods of teaching.—Her scholars were allowed to go no faster than they understood. Her method of discipline was entirely persuasive, and she secured better order than any other of our schools. At the examination, the scholars exhibited a commendable degree of interest and promptness, and their progress met my expectations.

**WINTER TERM.** Daniel W. Jones, Teacher. The examination of Mr. J. was not quite satisfactory, but, as he taught the school last year, a certificate was granted. The scholars interested themselves and worked hard to learn something, but the discipline and progress was not so good as I should like to have seen.

**DISTRICT, No. 3. *Summer Term.*** Mary J. Piper, Teacher.—Most of the scholars were small and backward, and, at the commence-



ment very disorderly ; so much so, that I had some fears in respect to the teacher's success, but was happily disappointed at the close.— The teacher was mild but firm, and when moral suasion failed and there was a coldness exhibited in the patient, warmth was speedily restored by friction with the rod. The order was soon improved ; and when I was in, at the middle of the term, every scholar knew his duty and did right.

The improvement in most of the branches was very good. I was particularly gratified with the progress made in mental arithmetic.— The classes in reading and spelling, except the first class, made but little improvement.

WINTER TERM. *William A. Currier*, Teacher, East Kingston.— The teacher of this school commenced with a relish for the duties required, and was untiring in his efforts to promote the interest of his pupils. He provided outline maps, at his own expense, and I know that his scholars, in Geography have learned what they never did before ; they have not stuffed their minds with names, as you would stuff a sack with rags, but have stored their minds with facts of the most direct and practical importance. There was a class which completed Cutter's First Book on Physiology and understood it well.

The discipline and progress of this school, reflect honor upon the teacher ; and has been equalled by no other school in town. On examination, it was pleasing to see the interest and promptness exhibited by all. I was sorry to see that some of the large boys had finished their education before the term was out.

DISTRICT , No, 4. *Winter Term.* *Rebecca A. Hobbs*, Teacher, North Hampton. The scholars of this school are small in number and stature, and not so far advanced as members, of the same age, in the other schools. It is seldom we get a teacher who will exhibit that continued interest, and excite that spirit of emulation, which are so essential to the character and progress of a good school, among 20 scholars that he would among 40.

On examination, her scholars appeared to be interested and improved by her teaching. Order was excellent. This district has given a good example by purchasing a set of Outline maps.

WINTER TERM. *Mahlon B. Clough*, Teacher, East Kingston.— The appearance of this school at the commencement was favorable ; and when I visited it at the middle of the term, the recitations were lively, and the teacher showed himself worthy of his profession. At the examination, most of the scholars were absent, only 12 present, so that it was difficult to judge what had been accomplished.

I would suggest to the district the propriety of using more money in the Summer term.

## REMARKS.

In visiting the schools the text books first called attention. A good series of reading books was in use ; but in other branches there was a variety. There were several kinds of mental arithmetics, three different grammars, four or five kinds of spelling-books, and so on with the other branches. The use of such a variety of books cannot be too severely censured. It not only perplexes the teacher, but de-

prives the scholar of much general information in connection with his recitations. For, when the teacher has but few recitations and his school is well classed, every idea presented in the lessons can be analyzed and its different bearings pointed out, not loading the mind with words merely, as is too often the case in teaching, but learning the pupil to reason and acquire for *whys* and *wherefores*, and thus produce an activity in the acquisition of knowledge.

The text book in Grammar was the only one in which an entire change was made. Smith's Grammar, the one we have had most in use, is obsolete. For this, and other reasons not necessary to give here, I introduced Weld's New Grammar, which is in more general use throughout this State and States around us than any other grammar. I, also, dismissed and introduced books so as to have one system of books throughout our schools. And I trust the text books we now have, being the same as those used in this and other States, are satisfactory to the town; so that we may have permanency and uniformity.

In order for a scholar to obtain a good education, home must become an auxiliary. The pupil must be assisted when from the school as well as when there. Every parent and guardian should see that their children do not commence a study without a proper understanding of its object and design. Too many children are suffered to have their own way in this respect. If a pupil has not ability to understand the language of a science, and is not interested in it, after going a little way he will say the book is dull and dry; and it will only lead him to disappointment and failure.

How often we hear scholars say they do not like grammar it is so dry; in such a case, they expose their own incompetency to pursue the work. Grammar is not a child's study. No matter if the scholar be 40, if he cannot understand what he is going to gain by the study, and has not a willingness to give to the subject the severe, patient, and persevering study which it demands, he had better, for the present, not commence English Grammar. One half of those in the Grammar classes the past year received little or no benefit from the study.

I say that parents and guardians should see to this, for they are frequently pleased to have their children read in the first class and study high branches, not thinking whether they have had mental cultivation enough to be interested or not.

Again, children should not be encouraged at home to get a great way over in their books. They are naturally too fond of going faster than they comprehend, therefore they become stupid and dull from the very fact that they have not mastered preceding lessons, consequently, are not prepared for the place where they are.

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE is the greatest evil which retards the progress of our schools. It has been referred to, year after year, but still exists; and must exist if parents do not assist to remove the evil. Neither should scholars be allowed to leave school one or two weeks before the close. The last week is worth more to them than the first two.

Parents should visit the schools frequently. It would be an encouragement to the teacher and the scholars, while it would inspire a greater interest in themselves. In this there is room for great improvement. The teachers have often expressed a desire to receive frequent visits from the friends of education; and they will kindly receive any improvement which parents may offer in regard to their children. Let the friends of education shake off their apathy and awake to the improvement of our system of education.

Our teachers should be wisely selected. No slow-moulded drone should be allowed to enter our schools, even if he would work for nothing. It falls to the district agent to make the selection, and a few dollars on a month should not deter him from procuring good teachers.

### General Table.

| DISTRICTS.                                     | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | Total. |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Weeks kept in Summer, - - -                    | 14     | 12     | 13     | 16     | 55     |
| Weeks kept in Winter, - - -                    | 16     | 11     | 15     | 14     | 56     |
| No. of different scholars during the year,     | 76     | 69     | 69     | 39     | 253    |
| No. of scholars in Summer, - - -               | 50     | 43     | 47     | 28     | 168    |
| No. of scholars in Winter, - - -               | 53     | 46     | 56     | 28     | 183    |
| Average attendance in Summer, - - -            | 39     | 31     | 32     | 21     | 123    |
| Average attendance in Winter, - - -            | 40     | 35     | 46     | 18     | 139    |
| Per centage of absence, - - -                  | 23     | 25     | 24     | 27     | 25     |
| No. between 4 and 16 in Summer, - - -          | 48     | 43     | 47     | 28     | 166    |
| No. between 4 and 16 in Winter, - - -          | 47     | 41     | 47     | 24     | 159    |
| No. over 16 in Summer, - - -                   | 2      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 2      |
| No. over 16 in Winter, - - -                   | 6      | 4      | 9      | 4      | 23     |
| Wages of Teachers exc. of board, Summer, 12.00 |        | 8.00   | 9.00   | 6.00   | 119.00 |
| Wages of Teachers exc. of board, Winter, 12.00 |        | 20.00  | 19.00  | 18.00  | 240.00 |
| Amount of Local Funds, - - -                   |        |        |        |        | 250.00 |
| Amount of income from Local Funds, - - -       |        |        |        |        | 15.00  |
| Amount of income from Literary Fund, - - -     |        |        |        |        | 63.13  |
| Amount of Railroad Tax for schools, - - -      |        |        |        |        | 14.04  |
| Amount appropriated for each scholar, - - -    | 1.89   | 2.08   | 2.08   | 3.69   | 2.27   |
| Amount of school money, - - -                  | 143.86 | 143.86 | 143.86 | 143.86 | 575.44 |
| Visits by Superintending Committee, - - -      | 6      | 6      | 6      | 6      | 24     |
| Visits by Prudential Committee, - - -          | 0      | 1      | 2      | 3      | 6      |
| Visits by Citizens, - - -                      | 6      | 46     | 43     | 20     | 115    |

The following is a list of the Books in use throughout our schools :

Spelling Book—Town's.

Reading Books—Town's.

Arithmetic's—Holbrook's Mental, Colburn's Mental and Greenleaf's

Written.

Grammar—Weld's New.

Geographies—Mitchell's Primary and School.

Physiology—Cutter's First Book.

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